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SUBJECT: GATT BUDGET COMMITTEE ITEM ON ITC

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1. WITH RESPECT SUBJECT MEETING, MISSION WISHES DRAW ATTENTION TO NEW GATT DOCUMENT SPEC(74)45, 19 SEPTEMBER, POUCHED IO/OIC ON 24 SEPTEMBER. PROPOSED NEW ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR GATT/UNCTAD INTERNATIONAL TRADE CENTER (ITC) WILL, ACCORDING PARA 2, COST ITC \$170,000 MORE IN 1975 FOR NEW STAFF.

2. THIS IS NEW ELEMENT IN THESE ARRANGEMENTS WHICH WERE FIRST PROPOSED BY UN OFFICIAL GOODE (REFTEL (A)) AND SUBSEQUENTLY CONSIDERED BY UNCTAD IN TDB (REFTELS (C) AND (D)). WHEN NEW (I.E., GOODE) ARRANGEMENTS WERE FIRST
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DISCUSSED IN GENEVA WITH INTERESTED GOVERNMENTS AND

SECRETARIATS, PROPOSAL WAS THAT ONE OR MORE EXISTING STAFF PERSONNEL WOULD BE TRANSFERRED FROM UN NEW YORK TO UN GENEVA. THEREFORE, NO NET INCREASE IN OVERALL STAFF WAS ANTICIPATED. THIS WAS A CONSIDERATION IN MISSION'S RECOMMENDATION CONTAINED REFTEL (A) TO EFFECT THAT GOODE PROPOSALS SEEMED MOST PROMISING SOLUTION AT THE TIME.

3. AS DEPT AWARE, GATT DG LONG AND OTHERS HAVE ALREADY EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER UNWIELDY NATURE OF PROPOSED NEW ARRANGEMENTS. IF, IN ADDITION TO COMPLEXITY, NEW ARRANGEMENTS ARE TO INVOLVE GREATER COSTS THAN ANTICIPATED, BELIEVE WASHINGTON AGENCIES SHOULD AT LEAST BE AWARE OF THIS NEW ELEMENT WHEN CONSIDERING LONG-TERM U.S. POSITION ON ITC ADMINISTRATION.

4. WHATEVER ULTIMATE OUTCOME OF U.S. PREFERENCE ON ITC ARRANGEMENTS, MISSION BELIEVES WE CERTAINLY SHOULD OPPOSE ADDITION OF THIS UNANTICIPATED NEW COST DURING GATT BUDGET COMMITTEE SESSION BEGINNING OCTOBER 7. DALE

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